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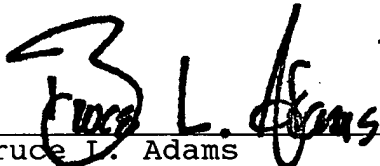
In the last Office Action, restriction was required between Invention I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method, and Invention II, claims 9-10, drawn to an apparatus. In addition, an election of species was required between Species A-J.

In accordance with this response, applicants have provisionally elected Invention I drawn to a method and Species A directed to the focused energy beam being a focused ion beam and submit that claims 1-8 are readable on both the elected invention and the elected species.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully.

Respectfully submitted,

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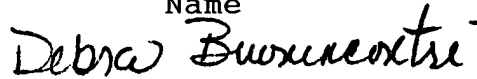
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